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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARB-IS PRESIDENT TO ADANA

1. FEB 16 YENI ADANA GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO NATIONAL HARB-IS PRESIDENT KENAN DURUKAN'S ADDRESS AT THE CLOSING OF A LOCAL HARB-IS TRAINING SEMINAR IN ADANA ON FEB 16. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH THEIR AMERICAN EMPLOYERS, DURUKAN REPORTEDLY SAID QTE THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO TO TURKEY IS STILL GOING ON, BUT THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DOING WHATEVER THEY CAN TO ARM GREECE. AMERICANS ARE GIVING UNFAIR AND UNREASONABLE TREATMENT TO THE TURKISH WORKERS EMPLOYED AT THE WORK SITES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN TURKEY. OUR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE

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AMERICAN EMPLOYERS HAS A POLITICAL ASPECT RATHER THAN BEING A SIMPLE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS. AMERICAN EMPLOYERS HAVE BEEN PUSHING US TO STRIKE. ALL THE WORKERS IN TURKEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALERTED, AND IF WE CANNOT REACH AN AGREEMENT OUR STRIKE WILL BE INEVITABLE. IN SUCH A STRIKE, THE AMERICANS SEEM TO BE UNAWARE THAT THEY MIGHT LOOSE THEIR COMFORT AND FREEDOM FROM ANXIETY. ALL THOSE WHO THROW OUT HARB-IS MEMBERS WILL REGRET WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. UNQTE.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT DURUKAN'S ADDRESS WAS ATTENDED BY ONLY SOME 250 OF THE 1300 PLUS LOCAL HARB-IS MEMBERSHIP.

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